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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: PLENARY STATEMENTS ON THE BELIZE QUESTION

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE PLENARY STATEMENTS OF  
BARBADOS, GUAYANA AND JAMAICA ON THE BELIZE ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. BARBADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOE STATED "SIMILARLY, MEMBER STATES SHOULD SEEK TO STRENGTHEN THIS ORGANIZATION BY THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT OF OTHER NATIONS--NOT YET MEMBERS--TO JOIN IT. IT IS THEREFORE WRONG FOR SOME OF US TO THWART THE ADMISSION OF SOVEREIGN STATES BECAUSE THEY MAY BE IDEOLOGICALLY COMMITTED TO ONE OR OTHER OF THE GREAT POWERS. IT IS ALSO WRONG TO INHIBIT COUNTRIES FROM BECOMING INDEPENDENT STATES BY IMPLIED AND EVEN OVERT THREATS OF DISMEMBERMENT. MY DELEGATION LOOKS FORWARD TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE, AND WE WOULD URGE UPON THEIR NEIGHBOURS NOT TO PUT OBSTACLES IN THEIR WAY BUT TO TRUST TO THE GOOD SENSE OF THE BELIZEANS TO MAKE THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA."

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2. GUAYANESE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

WILLS SAID "IT IS THEREFORE PARADOXICAL THAT AN ANOMALOUS SITUATION EXISTS IN LATIN AMERICA RUNNING COUNTER TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF COLONIAL PEOPLES FOR INDEPENDENCE AND FOR THE BEGINNING OF GENUINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I REFER TO THE QUESTION OF BELIZE, A COUNTRY FORCED AGAINST ITS WILL TO RETAIN A COLONIAL STATUS IT DESPISES AND REPUDIATES, BECAUSE OF THE BELLICOSE THREATS AGAINST ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY MADE BY ONE OF ITS NEIGHBOURS, A FELLOW DEVELOPING COUNTRY. THE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON BELIZE HAVE NO JUSTIFICATION WHATEVER. THEY ARE TO A MAN REJECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE WHOSE ONLY DESIRE IS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE FULL INDEPENDENCE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

"FOR OVER TEN YEARS THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE HAVE SEEN THEIR YEARNINGS FOR INDEPENDENCE FRUSTRATED BECAUSE OF THE SPURIOUS AND ABSURD TERRITORIAL CLAIMS OF A NEIGHBOUR WHOSE FRIENDSHIP THEY SEEK BUT WHOSE OVER-LORDSHIP THEY EMPHATICALLY REJECT. GUYANA CALLS ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO SET ASIDE INDIFFERENCE AND TO IDENTIFY ITSELF UNCOMPROMISINGLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY WITH THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE STRUGGLING FOR INDEPENDENCE AND THE PRESERVATION OF THEIR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. BELIZE MUST BE ALLOWED TO BE FREE."

3. JAMAICAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS THOMPSON SAID "BELIZE IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE AND I NOTE WITH JOY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS OFFERED TO STAND READY TO ASSIST IN THE SETTLEMENT OF REGIONAL DISPUTES.

"WITH REGARD TO BELIZE, WE HAVE A GOOD EXAMPLE OF STAGNATION, INDEED MORE, A FESTERING SORE OF DISCONTENT. WE MUST NOT ACCEPT A STALEMATE HERE EVEN AS WE REJECT IT IN THE CASE OF CYPRUS. WE MUST KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM FOR PEACE AND WE CALL UPON THOSE POWERS ESPECIALLY THE INFLUENTIAL POWERS OF LATIN AMERICA TO REMOVE BELIZE FROM HER INTOLERABLE POSITION. SHE IS NOW ON THE THRESHOLD OF INDEPENDENCE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THAT FREEDOM WHICH IS OFFERED TO HER AS OF RIGHT, BECAUSE SHE FEARS ANNEXATION."  
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